

VI. STATE AID TO MINING.

ROADS CONSTRUCTED BY DIRECT GRANTS.

The following statement shows the expenditure and liabilities on authorities issued on roads from direct grants to the several local bodies during the year ending the 31st March, 1909 :—

Name of Local Body.	Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1909.	Liabilities on- Authorities on 31st March, 1909.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Whangarei County	100 0 0	...
Coromandel County	4,976 9 7	857 0 0
Thames County	3,838 5 0	...
Thames Borough... ..	100 0 0	...
Ohinemuri County	5,230 7 1	922 2 11
Piako County ... ..	...	25 0 0
Pelorus Road Board ... ..	...	...
Takaka County	1,039 13 4	...
Collingwood County	3,536 0 0	...
Waimea County	85 0 0	...
Buller County	5,735 0 0	700 0 0
Inangahua County	1,662 4 10	15 8 0
Grey County	2,550 0 0	...
Brunner Borough	292 15 6	...
Westland County	2,437 10 0	162 10 0
Ross Borough	110 0 0	...
Waihero County ... ..	...	...
Tuapeka County	100 0 0	...
Vincent County	445 14 6	...
Lake County	968 0 0	...
Southland County	240 0 0	...
Wallace County ... ..	...	...
Stewart Island County	150 0 0	...
Roads Department	12,522 3 7	...
Compensation for injuries, &c.	315 1 0	...
Contingencies	940 1 10	...
Totals	47,374 6 3	2,682 0 11

PROSPECTING FOR GOLD.

The following statement shows the expenditure and liabilities on authorities issued in subsidies to prospecting associations and parties of miners in the different counties for the year ending the 31st March, 1909 :—

Name of County, &c.	Expenditure for Year ending 31st March, 1909.	Liabilities on Authorities on 31st March, 1909.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coromandel	756 7 0	...
Ohinemuri... ..	196 17 0	45 15 0
Buller	229 5 0	63 15 0
Inangahua	566 15 0	10 0 0
Grey	346 14 3	...
Westland	524 14 6	79 5 6
Ross Borough Council	28 4 0	...
Lake	129 9 7	...
Tuapeka ... ..	...	37 10 0
Prospecting associations	1,106 7 8	67 12 8
Totals	3,884 14 0	303 18 2

VII. SCHOOLS OF MINES.

The schools of mines, which have now been established twenty-four years, continue to contribute to the education of mining and metallurgical students at the principal mining centres, and the number of important positions occupied by students from these schools on many of the great mining-fields of the world testifies to the efficiency of the curriculum. During the year every school was presented by the Mines Department with a small circulating library of standard mining literature.